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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 1, 2004 (Paper No. 7), Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I claims 1-26 for initial examination on the merits.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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